

ments as Missionaries to four young ministers who had come from Nova Scotia to prosecute their professional studies at Glasgow; and they have reason to believe that there may still be in this country, from the Lower Provinces, one or more students on a similar errand. But, making every fair allowance for the strong home-attachment which continues to linger among the Colonists even to the third and fourth generations, still the state of Queen's College, and the greatly increased means of communication on their own Continent, compel us to anticipate that Kingston will, year by year, become a centre of more powerful attraction to the youth of the region who devote themselves to the ministry in connection with our Church. The Committee therefore think that the great Presbyterian Seminary of Canada, especially while under such presidency as the present, is entitled to the continued patronage and support of our National Establishment; and they have accordingly granted, without scruple, the usual contribution to the salary of the Principal.

"The Report by the Trustees on the state of the College for the past year, has been lately received, and its contents will be as welcome here as they were gratifying to those who sent them.

"1. *In Canada* the Committee's operations have been almost exclusively of a routine character, and may therefore be fully ascertained from the Table hereto prefixed. The grants in aid of the stipend, which are there noted, were all conceded to applications attested by the Presbyteries within which the assisted congregations are situated; and the contributions to the building of churches have been made on the usual conditions—that they should cancel the debt on the property, and that the said property should be secured for the use only of congregations in connexion with our Church.

"The Rev. Messrs. Nichol and Hay, formerly missionaries, have become ministers of fixed charges; the former at London, in the Presbytery of the same name, C. W., the latter at Mount Forest, in the Presbytery of Guelph, C. W., where they had respectively been labouring before. So far, this result of their zeal and success will relieve the funds of the Committee. The congregation at London had already made great efforts to provide for the expense of erecting a suitable place of worship; it was, besides, confidently expected to become at once self-supporting; and hence the Committee were desirous to contribute as much as they could towards the liquidation of the debt against the building-fund. At Mount Forest, the members of the Church, gathered from a widely scattered agricultural population, are much less able to maintain a settled ministry; the Committee, therefore, deeming the case to be an eminently deserving one, granted for one year, a liberal supplement to Mr. Hay's stipend. But

this congregation also is expected to become at no distant date, completing self-sustaining.

"2. As regards *New Brunswick*, the supplementary grants and other contributions, noted in the Synoptical Table, were made on the same principles with those which have been explained in reference to Canada.

"The Rev. Charles Ogg was, in the course of the year, sent out by the Committee to the charge of Chatham in the Presbytery of Miramichi; where he was inducted, with a hearty welcome from the congregation, on the 14th of February last. In autumn, a preacher was appointed to the Church at New Richmond, within the bounds of the same Presbytery; but, at his own instance, his destination was subsequently changed to British Guiana. The Committee, regretting that the charge has continued so long unsupplied, are now doing their utmost to provide it with a suitable minister.

"3. *Nova Scotia* has, for the year, been the most extensive field of the Committee's operations in British North America. Besides contributing as liberally as the means at their disposal permitted, to the building-fund of the Church at Barney's River in the Presbytery of Pictou, and continuing grants to the Superintendent of Missions at Halifax, and to the ministers at MacLennan's Mountain and Pugwash, they have had the satisfaction of sending out as missionaries, with salaries guaranteed for one year, four young ministers, all natives of the Province, who had completed their course of study at Glasgow. The whole of them distinguished, and one of them pre-eminently so, during their college career—three of them, moreover, acquainted with the Gaelic language—Messrs. Grant, McMillan, McGregor, and Cameron, may be confidently relied on as likely, under the Divine blessing, to sustain with equal zeal and ability the vital cause of true religion, no less than the character of the Church, among our Scotch, and especially our Highland emigrants.

"From Prince Edward's Island, in the same Synod, the Rev. Mr. Lochhead and the Rev. Mr. Madaren have returned to this country on the expiration of their respective terms of missionary service. It is hoped that the blanks thus created may be, in part at least, supplied from Nova Scotia; and the Committee will be ready, so far as they can, to lend their assistance in that behalf.

"The Annual Report of the venerable Superintendent of Missions in this Synod, which the Committee as usual print at length, will be perused with interest."

The above is the Report in full so far as British North America is concerned. If our space had permitted, we would willingly have laid before our readers the other portions of this interesting and important document; we must be satisfied with giving a brief abstract. In British Guiana, two ministers have been deposed, and the Church placed in every res-